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IN 1993, WE IMAGINED HAMPTON AS A PLACE WHERE NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS AND CITY OFFICIALS COULD WORK HAND IN HAND TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOODS PLACES WE WERE PROUD TO CALL HOME. We imagined our citizens as resources, driving decisions for improving their neighborhoods. We imagined partnerships with schools, non-profits, faith based organizations, businesses, our youth and neighborhoods. We imagined neighborhoods improving and not declining. We imagined transforming the way citizens, city hall, schools and community-based organizations would come together to do what needed to be done. What began as a vision has become a reality and the change has been profound...

DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

CAPACITY BUILDING & NEIGHBORHOOD MANAGEMENT

RESOURCES & PARTNERSHIPS

- Community based groups developed model for Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative
- Neighborhood Services Department created
- Staff works with 8 pilot neighborhoods

- City Council approves design for Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative
- Neighborhood Task Force appointed by City Manager
- Healthy Neighborhoods Commissioners appointed by City Council
- Staff works with 10 new neighborhoods

- Southwest Area Team completes implementation strategy in Aberdeen area
- Neighborhood Task Force & Commission set policy for Neighborhood Improvement Fund

- Piloted neighborhood plan process with Aberdeen Gardens neighborhood
- Neighborhood Training begins with 94 participants
- 51st citizen graduates Neighborhood College

- Aberdeen Gardens begins strategic planning
- Neighborhood based youth leadership groups form at Park Place, Oxford Apts., Willow Oaks, Salina Street, and Riverdale
- Neighborhood College is created and 14 citizens graduate

- Youth hired to assess Hampton's readiness for youth-adult partnerships
- Blight Abatement Program is initiated with:
 - 18 deteriorated properties acquired
 - 17 blighted units demolished
 - 6 housing units rehabilitated

- City Council allocates \$160,000 for Neighborhood Development Fund and 11 Matching Grants awarded
- 44th deteriorated property acquired
- 59th blighted unit demolished
- 12th housing unit rehabilitated

- Decision made to reinvent the Neighborhood Commission
- First Neighborhood Week held

- Groundbreaking for the Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center
- Neighborhood based youth leadership groups expand to eight sites
- Youth-Adult Neighborhood Conference held for existing neighborhood
- 80 youth and adults from eight neighborhoods were in attendance
- Neighborhood leaders in Greater Wythe decide to do area wide plan
- Newtown Plan process starts
- 197 citizens & staff have participated in Neighborhood Training
- 93rd citizen graduates Neighborhood College

- 25th Matching Grants awarded
- 16th Neighborhood Improvement Grant awarded
- 647th deteriorated property acquired
- 178th blighted unit demolished
- 63rd housing unit rehabilitated

- Neighborhood Strategic Plan completed
- Neighborhood Commission reinvented to include representation from City, Schools, Neighborhood Leaders, Institutions, & Youth
- 2nd Annual Neighborhood Week held with the addition of Neighbor Fest

- Aberdeen youth participate in study for multipurpose center
- Newtown youth and adults present neighborhood plan to Neighborhood Commission
- Neighborhood Week Conference held
- Neighborhood leaders attend Neighborhood Institute in Atlanta & NUSA Conference in Portland, OR
- 762 citizens & staff have participated in Neighborhood Training
- 134th citizen graduates Neighborhood College

- 35th Matching Grant awarded
- 18th Neighborhood Improvement Grant awarded
- 679th deteriorated property acquired
- 227th blighted unit demolished
- 70th housing unit rehabilitated
- City Council funds start up of a new neighborhood-school-family partnership
- In-SYNC Advisory Board established
- In-SYNC creates partnership network

- New Neighborhood Commission develops operational structure
- Neighborhood Week expands to a month with 67 events, 1,700 volunteers & 1 in 12 citizens participate

- Over 200 teens involved in 10 neighborhood leadership groups
- Registered Neighborhood Organization program is created and 3 neighborhoods become registered
- Newtown Youth & adults work to develop neighborhood learning center concept
- 1076 citizens & staff have participated in Neighborhood Training
- 176th citizen graduates Neighborhood College

- In-SYNC & Parks and Recreation partnered to implement After-School program
- 1535 enroll and 160 volunteers participate
- Approve special Neighborhood Month Matching Funds and award 12 grants
- 36th Matching Grant awarded
- 19th Neighborhood Improvement Grant awarded
- 707th deteriorated property acquired
- 657th blighted unit demolished
- 117th housing unit rehabilitated
- Youth teach Neighborhood College session on Youth-Adult Partnerships

- 4th Annual Neighborhood Month is celebrated with 78 events held, 12,500 citizens participate and 2,500 volunteers
- 30 organizations & 16 schools sponsor beatification projects
- Sponsor 1st Annual City Hall Open House

- Kenneth Wallace Neighborhood Resource Center opens
- Youth members become full voting members of Aberdeen Gardens Civic & Historic Association
- 14 neighborhoods are now Registered Neighborhood Organizations
- Neighborhood Regional Conference held and 183 leaders participate
- Riverdale wins Regional Neighborhood of the Year Award
- Kecoughtan Road & Pembroke Avenue Corridor Studies are initiated
- 1355 citizens & staff have participated in Neighborhood Training
- 190th citizen graduates Neighborhood College

- \$100,000 grant used to demolish the unsafe Boys & Girls Club
- 27th Neighborhood Month Grant awarded
- 39th Matching Grant awarded
- 27th Neighborhood Improvement Grant awarded
- 816th deteriorated property acquired
- 1138th blighted unit demolished
- 239th housing unit rehabilitated

- Neighborhood Commission recommends and City Council approves \$1 million fund annually for neighborhood drainage projects
- Launched Neighborhood Office Web Site
- 5th Annual Neighborhood Month is celebrated with 93 events, the First-Ever Neighborhood Month Parade and \$14,500 is raised in sponsorships
- Sponsor 2nd Annual City Hall Open House

- Neighborhood Youth Advisory Board (NYAB) forms as a Neighborhood Commission sub-committee
- NYAB is awarded a three-year multi-faceted State Incentive Grant
- Citizens, including youth, attend the Statewide Neighborhood Conference in Roanoke, VA
- Old North Hampton wins Statewide Neighborhood of the Year Award
- Draft plan completed for Kecoughtan Rd. Revitalization Project
- 1440 citizens & staff have participated in Neighborhood Training
- 240th citizen graduates Neighborhood College

- Commission has awarded \$1.2 million to date in support of 113 community driven projects equally distributed throughout the city
- 45th Neighborhood Month Grant awarded
- 10 Parade Grants awarded
- 42nd Matching Grant awarded
- 922nd deteriorated property is acquired
- 1138th blighted unit is demolished
- 239th housing unit is rehabilitated
- HRHA constructs 4 new homes

- Assist 42 neighborhoods in all 10 districts
- The HNI gets 2,000 inches of print press coverage, featured on radio, four network stations, local, regional & national publications
- Web Site has a 17% increase in visitors
- 6th Annual Neighborhood Month is celebrated with 100 events
- Neighborhood Month parade has over 100 units & 1,500 participants
- Sponsor 3rd Annual City Hall Open House

- 818 meetings held at the Kenneth Wallace Resource Center to date
- NYAB members begin attending Neighborhood College
- Citizens attend Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference in Charlottesville, VA
- 18th neighborhood becomes a Registered Neighborhood Organization
- Hold Leadership Institute and over 100 leaders participate
- Aberdeen wins National Neighborhood of the Year Award
- Greater Wythe Area Plan completes Phase II
- Olde Wythe Neighborhood Plan developed
- 1640 citizens & staff have participated in Neighborhood Training
- 275th citizen graduates from Neighborhood College

- In-SYNC has engaged 44 organizational partners to date
- 43% increase in after-school program participation
- 64% increase in after-school volunteers
- After-School Program staff reaches 53
- After-School Tuition Assistance Program implemented
- In-Sync wins 3 Partner Agency of the Year Awards
- 2 pilot areas for Hampton Housing Venture are selected, Olde Hampton & Pasture Point
- Housing Market Study is completed for Downtown neighborhoods
- 55th Neighborhood Month Grant awarded
- 25th Parade Grants awarded
- 46th Matching Grant awarded
- 55th Neighborhood Improvement Grant awarded
- 958th deteriorated property is acquired
- 1550th blighted unit is demolished
- 308th housing unit is rehabilitated
- HRHA constructs 10 new homes

- Commissioner Tool Box Program is implemented
- Neighborhood Link Newsletter created and 6 issues are published
- "Why I Love My Neighborhood" Essay Contest held in partnership with the After-School Program
- Realtor Focus groups held resulting in approval for a Preferred Realtor Program including a Realtor College
- HNI publishes 10 year anniversary Storybook
- 7th Annual Neighborhood Month is celebrated with over 100 events
- Sponsor 4th Annual City Hall Open House

- Youth teach Neighborhood College Level II session
- Neighborhood Commission and NYAB hold joint strategic work session
- 24th neighborhood becomes a Registered Neighborhood Organization
- Buckroe Civic Association nominated for National Neighborhood of the Year
- 40 citizens and staff attend NUSA conference in Chattanooga, TN
- Neighborhood College Level II begins
- Capacity Building Grants are introduced and 8 are awarded
- 1840 citizens & staff have participated in Neighborhood Training
- 325th citizen graduates Neighborhood College

- In-SYNC wins \$183,000 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant
- Over 1,000 students now enrolled in after-school programs
- All after-school programs now support SOL's
- GED, Adult continuing education & enrichment classes are offered at neighborhood centers
- 6 organizations receive Character Counts training & 15 view presentation
- In-Sync sponsors 4 city-wide teen events
- In-SYNC wins AASC Civic Star Award for model school and civic partnerships program in Virginia
- After-school programs operating in 26 of 30 Hampton City Elementary and Middle Schools
- City Council approves Housing Revitalization Plans for Pasture Point & Olde Hampton neighborhoods
- Contract with Urban Design Associates for Downtown Revitalization
- 79th Neighborhood Month Grant awarded
- 48th Matching Grant awarded
- 57th Neighborhood Improvement Grant awarded
- 981st deteriorated property is acquired
- 1582nd blighted unit is demolished
- 331st housing unit is rehabilitated
- HRHA constructs 21st new home

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THE INITIATIVE'S SUCCESSES ARE TANGIBLE.

Neighborhoods have achieved their goals by mustering resources they would not have been able to access without collaborating with the city. The city has garnered help to identify neighborhood needs and priorities and allocate limited resources. The successes are intangible too with new and rich networks of citizens and city officials who know and trust one another and are willing to work together to solve neighborhood concerns. Perhaps, the initiative's greatest success is building relationships that have transformed the way citizens, city hall, schools and community-based organizations come together to improve their neighborhoods.



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